

Sudan

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Sudan GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Sudan could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Sudan GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 8th grade, 1st secondary grade and 2nd secondary grade

conducted in 2001. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Sudan. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 94.0%, the student response rate was 94.2%, and the overall response rate was 88.5%. A total of 2783 students participated in the Sudan GYTS.

Prevalence

20.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 30.0%, Female = 10.0%)
 20.3% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 20.3%, Female = 12.9%)
 8.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 14.1%, Female = 2.1%)
 16.3% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 20.5%, Female = 11.8%)
 24.6% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

30.3% think boys and 19.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
 26.7% think boys and 16.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

17.6% usually smoke at home
 40.9% buy cigarettes in a store
 77.5% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

30.5% live in homes where others smoke
 42.9% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 77.7% think smoking should be banned from public places
 68.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 22.7% have one or more parents who smoke
 6.0% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

73.9% want to stop smoking
 79.2% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 81.5% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

75.7% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 57.6% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 59.3% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 15.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 16.5% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

29.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 26.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 33.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 20% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 8% currently smoke cigarettes; 16% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high – 3 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; over 4 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; 2 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- Two-thirds of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Almost 8 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Three-fourths of smokers want to quit.
- Three-fourths of students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost 6 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.